Amendment in Reply to Office Action mailed on March 25, 2008

## IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

## NEW ABSTRACT

A pad support for a beverage maker includes a bottom that forms a barrier for beverage liquid flowing from a supported pad, a discharge opening in the bottom for discharging beverage liquid through the bottom, and a nozzle restricting the discharge opening for generating a beverage liquid jet from the nozzle. Pad support projections are provided that have innermost support projections projecting from the bottom at positions circumferentially distributed around the discharge opening. Seen in top plan view towards the bottom, at least some of the innermost support projections have a cross-section that is elongate in a radial direction with respect to the discharge opening.